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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

YUKIHIRO NAKANO, ET AL. :

EXAMINER: SHOSHO, C. E.

SERIAL NO: 09/900,172 :

FILED: JULY 9, 2001 :

GROUP ART UNIT: 1714

FOR: WATER-BASED INK
COMPOSITION :

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-6.

Please add the following claims.

--7. (New) A water-based ink composition, comprising:

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a polybasic acid selected from the group consisting of malonic acid, polyethylene oxide dicarboxylic acid, and glycerol dicarboxylic acid,
a water-insoluble cationic polymer,

a coloring agent, and

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